

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original)

A method, comprising:
entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet;
said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;
choosing a locate mode;
identifying an item to be located;
flashing a display positioned on a shelf within the cabinet with the number of items held by that shelf which are to be located;
logging off; and
locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 2 (original)

The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of entering patient information.

Claim 3 (original)

The method of claim 2 additionally comprising the steps of opening one of the unlocked doors, selecting a compartment, entering the number of items taken, and closing the opened door.

Claim 4 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 5 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claim 6 (original)

ai A method, comprising:
entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet;
said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user
information;
entering patient information into the processor;
choosing a locate mode;
identifying an item to be located;
flashing a display positioned on a shelf within the cabinet with the number of items held by that
shelf which are to be located;
opening an unlocked door behind which there is a shelf with a flashing display;
selecting a compartment;
zeroing the display in response to the selection of a compartment;
identifying the number of items taken from the selected compartment;
displaying the number of items taken on the display;
closing the opened door;
logging off; and
locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 7 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from
among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 8 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of
picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claims 9 – 23 (canceled)
